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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

VIA : Deputy Director for Intelligence *D*

FROM :
Director of Global Issues

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SUBJECT : Overseas Development Council Report

1. Action Requested: Your signature on reply to personal letter from John Sewell, President of the Overseas Development Council. He sent you an advance copy of a book-length ODC publication, U.S. Foreign Policy and the Third World: Agenda for 1982, and asked for your reaction.

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2. Background: The ODC — now chaired by Robert S. McNamara — publishes an annual assessment of U.S. foreign policy toward the Third World. Each usually contains three or four essays by reputable experts that focus on pressing Third World economic development topics that are affected by U.S. policies. This year the essays analyze the power, purpose, and proportion of U.S. foreign policy, the need for a continued liberal trade regime, some thoughts on Third World food security, and the importance of development assistance. While the essays are a bit more critical of U.S. policies than in the past, they address such Third World issues as political instability, modernization, and economic progress, all of which are important elements of the Agency's research effort.

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